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In rapture, we are publishing another glorious issue, issue #6. The CEREBRAL NEBULA is a journal of Postal Diplomacy (a registered trademark of Games Research, Inc., 48 Wareham St., Boston, Mass 02118). The editor is:

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With this issue we again go back to the use of ditto instead of mimeo. Hopefully the issues from here on in will be a little easier to read. By not using legal-size paper I can now put zines in my filing cabinet.

Diplomacy flag? Of recent there has been some talk of a Diplomacy flag and a flag for each magazine. This not only seems like a good idea to me but is being considered by a number of other editors. Any reader may send what he or she thinks is a good flag for CN. The best flag will receive a suitable reward.

Well, shall we take a look at how our games are coming along?

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BRITISH CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

ENGLAND: F London-Eng; H Engg. Mar At; A York-Liv; F Nor-Swed (dislodged) (Evans)

FRANCE: All units in civil disobedience ((sic)) F Mid, Agas & Mar held (Peery)

GERMANY: F North-Den; F Kiel-Helg; A Mun-Bur; A Han-Pfor; A Holl-Ber (Metzger)

ITALY: F Tun-WestM; F Mar-Tyrr; A Pied-Mars; A Ven-Pied (Hueston)

AUSTRIA: A Ser-Rum; A Bud (S) A Ser-Hun; A Tri-Ser; A Vien-Gal; F Gre (H) (Alden)

RUSSIA: F StP(ne)-Nor; F Swed (S) StP-Nor; A Rum (H); A Ukr (S) A Rum; (Rosenbaum) F Armeia-BlaS; F Ser (S) F A - BlaS

TURKEY: F BlaS-Arm; F Ank(S) F BlaS-Arm; A Syp-Soy; A Bul-Rum (Turdiker)

Underlined moves not precise. Note the English fleet Norway is dislodged. This retreat along with Fall 1902 moves are due to August. Moves may be made conditional on the direction of the retreat.

As long as FRANCE wishes his units to be in civil disobedience we will allow it. What a way to go.

Press Releases

Peeryhaus (July 12, 1967) As many of the readers of Cerebral Nebulae are already aware I started my own Dippy 'zine, XENOGOGIC (XENODIGIC for those who have read it)) shortly after CN made its appearance some time ago. The growth of XENOGOGIC has proceeded slightly faster than that of CN; both in length and in number of games ((he's also bigger than sTab, Broddinngag, & Graustark... in fact, he has the biggest literary waste land)). Since, as many of you also know, XENOGOGIC will next month expand even more in size and in number of games being carried ((you'll see your glorious ed. in some of these games)) (we are adding four new games); including 2 eight man games and 1 eleven man game) this effort has taken a great deal of time. There are also the fifteen or more games ((18 for me)) in which I am currently active that have made many demands on my time in addition to my various travels ((trips? hmmm)), etc. during the summer. For all these, and other reasons, I have not been able to give the attention I might have wished to 1967J. The combined disaster of failing to submit first moves, if such was the case, and being faced with a three way attack by neighbors has resulted in France's suffering. Rather than continue to allow her to suffer and to expend more of my own limited time on a loosing effort I have ordered France into civil disobedience ((sic)); and thus becoming the first player eliminated from CN ((congratulations Larry, you've just won the Medal of Glorious Victory)). I would like to congratulate Evans, Metzger, and Hueston for their brilliant execution of this attack. It was well done.

I would finally like to extend my best wishes to Central Neurals
in future activities, whatever they may be since I will probably not
enter another game in this, or any, 'zine for some time to come. Having
had the pleasure to meet one of the people responsible for your efforts
(Gabor Foyertek) I think you will develop a truly fine 'zine. Snoopy
wishes you well.

((let me just say I recommend Party's 'zine for its fine coverage of world
affairs and its "pomo". Xerofly has developed into one of the best 'zines
on the coast. Leroy is a good ally which can be seen in 66-0 #1, 2, &
& #23.))

RUSSIA: Russians brave high winds from down under.

Trebizond: While en route in the land "down under", the Russian fleet
was viciously attacked by hordes of Kurds and their auxiliaries sent in by
the advance missile project supply line to the Kurds by the Japanese
weapons division of the Turkish army. The bulk of ships from the Japanese
~~was so deadly that the Russian Admiralty~~ continued to sail through

~~the waters, guns at the ready, and~~ the
country. The loss suffered was terrible. This
terrible "land of many men" has now taken control of the Black Sea, and
is hunting with Hitler's official concentrate.

Admiral Katsuyuki Yamada of the Japanese fleet said, "I am deeply
appreciative, although you may, Com...,"
in official messages from either his southern or western front, he responded
and expressed, that the enemy should be repulsed for
only sincer (to pen your face are all the time). In the end
accordingly, a huge what crop is being harvested in the
Japanese navy to the Pacific Ocean is expected to yield a
a vast amount of oil for the weeks to come from the end
of the year.

Roma: In continuation of the policy adopted by the Italian government
last fall, all Italian units have been issued orders to advance to the
French held positions. Princeps Joffre a Fox Tora Picci has been ordered
to sail to Spain to protect its citizens from the French aggression, and the
newly built fleet of the western Mediterranean has been ordered into
the Tyrrhenian. The Italian Army also received orders to advance on
France. The Italian government announced the
beginning of hostilities against France.

Ackham: Her Royal Majesty, Queen Sarah M. Allen, requests the Australian
government to state its requirements for a peaceful existence of the
current misunderstanding with Turkey.

Geneva (Reuters April 1902): The news of the hundred thousand that the
French government is controlled by a computer in the fortresses of Peking
has. The last strand of centralized government is reported to be in this
fortified bunker. Kowloon, anti-fascist cavalry has stormed Galaxie with
only minor losses. Miles Standard reportedly leading the charge. In the
north, Russian reinforcements have taken Kowloon after a brief engagement
with English vessels in Kowloon harbor. Only in Canada is the war not felt,
although many troops (mostly French) have been flooding into the town.
The economy has also stimulated a boom. In spite of all federalistic
sentiments, no one seems to mind our annexation.

ITALY (Turk): Build 2 Lbs.

RUSSIA (Sokol): Build 2 Lbs.

GERMANY (Ludendorff): Build 2 Lbs.

ITALY (Turk): Build 1 Lb. + 1 Lb. (Build)

AUSTRIA (Gondrecourt): Build 2 Par.

RUSSIA (Baker): Build 2 Lbs & A Lbs.

Turkey (Wagner): Build F Con.

The builds were informed to the players and swing moves were then applied to this list of initial state before the first move.

INITIAL STATE
ENGLAND, GERMANY, FRANCE, RUSSIA, TURKEY, ITALY

ENGLAND: F Eng-Tri; F Eng-Berlin; A Mars-Gras; F North-Norway (Turner)

FRANCE: F Brest-EngC; A Mars-Bury; A Par (S) A Mars-Bur (Stewart)

GERMANY: A Bel-Pic; A B.Y. (S) A Bel-Pic; A Yen. (S) A Bur; A Kiel-Ruhr (Haggart) F Hol-Kiel

ITALY: F Tur-Lon; A Tri-Vicen; A Tyr (S) A Tri-Ven; A Ven-Tri; A Rote-Ven (Turk)

AUSTRIA: F Adm-Tri; A Wien (S) F Adm-Tri (A Wien distlodged and must retreat)

RUSSIA: F Swed (H); A Prim-Sor; A Gal (S) A Riga-Sor; F Sov-Rus; F Sov-Rus; A Mys-Gov; A Vos-Turk.

TURKEY: A Adm-Ser; 1 Bel-Bing; F Blot (S) A Mil-Rum; F Con-As. (Wagner)

Note that the Austrian attack on Kielce was unopposed. I do not know the reason for this.

Each 1902 move is due August. Moves may be made conditioned on the direction of the Austrian retreat.

PEACE PROPOSALS

Sofia. The joint Austria-Turkish Council of International Health announced that the delegates had, in fact, come to an agreement on the proper spheres of influence of the two empires in the Balkans. All that remains is to clear all three peaks, Italiens and Russians out of them.

Berlin: Austria at my back door? You knew you could have knocked.

Budapest: The Russians are the only ones who've got problems - wait until you see Italy's troubles.

CN #3
1967? (Spring 1901)

ENGLAND: F Lon-North; F Edi-Norwg; A Liv-York
(Gallo)

FRANCE : A Mar (S) A Par-Bur; A Par-Bur; F Bres-Midi
(White)

GERMANY : A Mun-Ruhr; A Ber-Kiel; F Kiel-Hell-Dew
(Hueston)

ITALY : A Ven-Tyr; A Rome-Ven; F Nap-Tyrr
(Munroe)

AUSTRIA: A Vien-Gal; A Bud-Rum; F Tri-Alb
(Brannan)

RUSSIA: A War-GAL; A Mos-Ukr; F Sev-Rum; F StP-GofB
(Lyon)

Turkey: A Con-Bul; A Sym-Con; F Ank-Blas
(Gemagnani)

Note that Lyon is now back in charge of his own country. Thanks to Rod Walker for his moves. Fall 1901 moves are due August. Send moves to Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S.W. ~~WW~~ Southern, Seattle, Wash. 98116

Press Release

Naples: The Perennial Naples to Tunis Bathtub Race has begun. Every bathtub in the province of Naples has been entered this year to make the largest flotilla yet - five tubs. The entire race hinges on the efficiency of the key man in each crew of twelve - the bailiori - who must insure that the water flowing in the drain does not reach a sufficient level to sink the craft.

Just to prove people do win Diplomacy games we would like to congratulate Jerry Pournelle for his win in 1965D. The game was carried in Wild 'n Wooly and Jerry was playing Russia.

Congratulations to Derek Nelson for his win 1965F. Derek was playing Turkey and the game was carried in Graustark.

Finally congratulations to James Latimer for his win 1965M. James was Russia and the game was carried in Diplomania. Please note that a complete description of the above games and center year positions can be obtained from J. McCallum, Ralston, Alberta, Canada. Brb. #65 can be obtained for 10¢, which is the copy that gives summary of games.

On my recent trip to Southern California in late June I visited the Diplomacy outpost of San Diego. I arrived at Hal Naus's trailer slightly earlier than Mr. Naus expected and briefly watched Hal put his trailer back into shape. Hal showed me his Diplomacy in his not to large trailer which impressed me very much as I have a dining room and bedroom devoted to the subject and still am crowded ((I have to sleep on top of all the Dippy "junk" in my room.-ed.)). I spoke with Larry Peery over the phone for a good half an hour and finally convinced him to journey down to Naus's place as his day was already shot. He disclosed his plans for XENODOGIC #3 and shared some colorful secrets which tend to make him one of Diplomacy's more unusual players. The whole visit was very pleasant and I wish to say thank you to both Mr. Naus and Mr. Peery for the wonderful time. The only thing which gave me a bad impression of the greater San Diego-LA area ((isn't San Diego a suburb of LA?)) was the freeways. It took us three and a half hours to travel back to LA from San Deigo, a distance of only 90 miles. I suggest Southern Californians either widen their freeways or bring along a picnic lunch (and maybe dinner) when traveling over them.

@ Letters to the Ed. @

Barbara Turner , "This is so outrageous not even Larry Peery or I could do it!!!

John Gammie , " At your right guess, I am not particularly interested in AH games ."

John Gammie , "Not for publication" ((don't worry Larry, I do have a copy of it))

S AH Games

"Every comments about AH games where he is shooting craps. I also asked you to this statement. Well, no one disagreed with Larry.

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W & Tactics will carry a special Dippy McCallum, Capt. R.C. Walker, and John Boardman developed into a springboard for almost every dealing with AH games, Table-Top games, many others are introduced in detail. This magazine is well worth your money.

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Larry Peery will be the biggest take-off from regular Diplomacy. He has a new variant played in a big cube. When the game is over... interesting? You may witness your own variation is one.

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This will be another wide, if not wooly, variant soon (for many people needed). This 55 man game has got to be a larger version of the game, "Feud.II", is

Please interested in any of the previously mentioned article(s),
please write their addresses:
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THOMON: Capt. R.C. WALKER, TUSLOG Det. 183, APO New York, 09254

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People in CN#1, please note Richard Metzger's new address:
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Back by popular demand

UFOs are there ...
only if you care!

Who cares if he's up to his neck in a
rice paddy, six billion miles from home?
Who cares if he's lonely, at that frozen
Arctic outpost?

Who cares how he feels, patrolling the
barbed-wire edge of danger - San Diego,
Minneapolis, & New York?

Who cares what he does, when his ship comes into that teeming foreign
port?

Are UFOs needed today? Just ask the 2,300,000 men and women who see them
every year.

Know a better way to say you're grateful to them, for helping to safe-
guard you?

Remember, civilian-supported UFOs depend entirely on your contribution.
Give, because UFOs are there, only if you care!

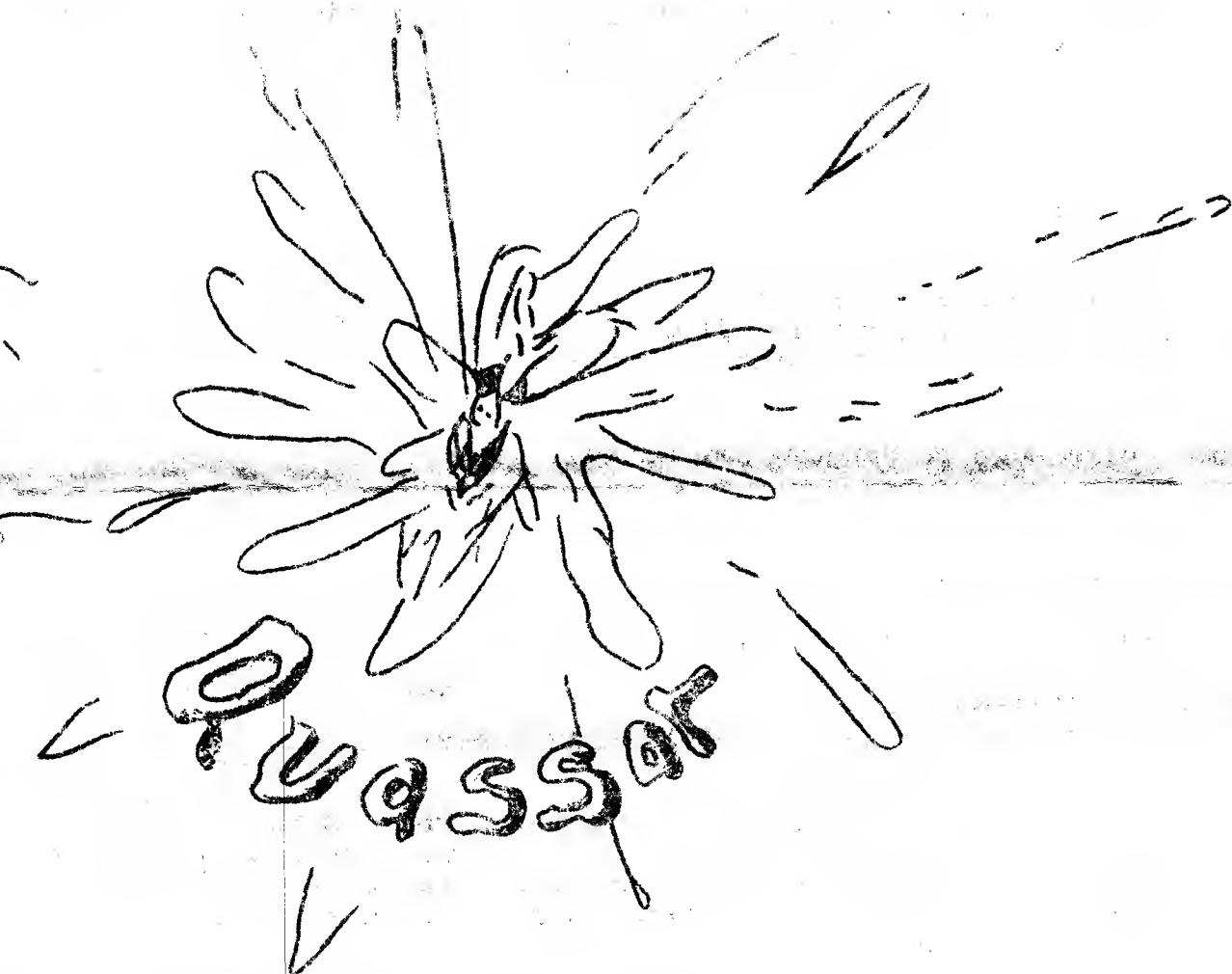
The XENODOGIC couldn't have said it better, "Then there is the matter
of the International Inquirer ((i.e., I.E.)) which once again has dropped
its low-level pornography on yours, and mine (own self true) doorstep.
Pure unadulterated (well, from what Musbach's been saying, even that may
not be true), garbage."

New Players

Paul Scroggins, Fishtrap Lake, Sprague, Wash. 99032
Robert Curran, Com Flt Act. (code #) c/o FPO San Francisco, Calif.
(AM only) 96662

Clay Cowan, 7822 Shoup Ave., Canoga Park, Calif. 91304
Ricky Arc, 2663-58 St., Sacto., Calif. 95817

Did you know this zine really is controlled from beings from another
planet? As you can see, they haven't yet mastered our(?) form of speech.
Or is that a typewriter is to primitive for them?
Ever tried duplicator fluid over potatoes?
See Doug I told you they wouldn't believe us!
Correction fluid is better than glue.



Cerebral Quassar ?

In Graustark #132 Mr. Boardman made a reference to what was called a "quassar". I share Mr. Boardman's views when he says, "We have so little information about them that the most wildly divergent and unlikely theories have been put forth." With that statement let us once again depart from the field of Diplomacy into the field of cosmology. Since this little talk is concerning quassars, lets first try and find out what a quassar looks like. Basically a quassar is a "star-like" object which has surpassed anything in the universe in its brilliance and relative speed. When compared to a star in the Milky Way for instance a quassar may appear to be as bright as the star to which it is compared but, the quassar is billions of light years farther out in space. Thus, a quassar is not a star, at least in the sense that a normal star is in. Then just what is a quassar. In my opinion, a quassar is an implosion of a "super-star". The mass of a super star is needless to say of enormous grossness. Of course this star is rare in itself which is the main argument to the presence, if any, of any super-stars. Because quassars have gone into the unknown everybody can state their own wild theory and can't be proven wrong.

Mr. Boardman, what do you think a quassar is? Any readers cosmologists?

As announced in Erehwon, most games carried in that issue can also be found here. We also carry variants on the regular board as well as variants on maps, etc. Doug Baker's Balkan War may also get started. The game is the only variant which can end in a smaller length of time. Who knows, I may even get around to finishing the rules for Nuclear Diplomacy.

Registered

Imperialism VIII (the "world" game): Cowan, Haggart, Musa, & Benito.
 Imp. IX : Gemignani & Princeps
 Balkan: Gemignani & Musa
 Regular: Arc, Greene, & Blake.

If you would like to add or remove your name from the above list please so inform me. Also, I may have missed someone.

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~~Contest off! No, there is not a free game for every person who finds a type error in this or any issue. Anyway, I don't make any errors! The nerve.~~

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GAMEMASTERS

CN#1: Long (1967J)
 CN#2: Long (1967T)
 CN#3: Beyerlein (1967?)

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* Last and most Least *

~~For those of you who read Graustark please note (as I'm shure you have) the remarks by William Lee Linden. His greatest blunder was asking who "Bangs Leslie Tapscott" was. Well, he found out. I could just see John's face when he saw that classic line, "who is Bangs Leslie Tapscott". Congratulations John, we knew you could do it.~~

The latest issue of International Inquirer at last revealed Erehwon's famous anonymous Neutral Player. I've always pictured him as a Superman type character incapable of being backstabbed while being of a very weak hand in leading an attack.

Anyone want to buy a used MIMIC

One piece in good (snicker) condition?
 (the happy pub.)

